

Welcome to the Rhode Island SurveyWorks Parent Survey 2011-2012. We need to hear what you think about your child's school. SurveyWorks is a set of surveys from the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for students (grades 4-12), parents and guardians (grades PK-12), and all public school teachers and administrators. It asks important information about schools in Rhode Island. The surveys give school teams, parents, community members and the public a 360-degree view of school success. This information includes: student learning, supports for teaching, safe and supportive schools, family and community involvement, and funding and resources.

To get a complete picture, we need as many parents as possible to take the survey. Your answers are anonymous. You will not be personally identified in any way. Please skip any question that you do not wish to answer. This survey is voluntary.

If you have any additional questions about this survey, please contact the SurveyWorks Help Desk between 8am and 4pm EST at (877) 787-5725 or [surveyworks@wested.org](mailto:surveyworks@wested.org).

For questions or concerns about your rights as a research subject, you may contact WestEd's Office of Research Integrity at (877) 493-7833, ext. 3202 or [subjects@wested.org](mailto:subjects@wested.org).

Please answer for the school that gave you this survey. If you have more than one child in this school, please answer based on your oldest child in this school only.

Please enter your school's name:

Please enter your SurveyWorks School Code found on your invitation:

If you don't know your school's code, please call SurveyWorks anonymously at (877) 787-5725.



**In which grade is your child that you are responding for?**

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Pre-K     | <input type="radio"/> 6th Grade  |
| <input type="radio"/> K         | <input type="radio"/> 7th Grade  |
| <input type="radio"/> 1st Grade | <input type="radio"/> 8th Grade  |
| <input type="radio"/> 2nd Grade | <input type="radio"/> 9th Grade  |
| <input type="radio"/> 3rd Grade | <input type="radio"/> 10th Grade |
| <input type="radio"/> 4th Grade | <input type="radio"/> 11th Grade |
| <input type="radio"/> 5th Grade | <input type="radio"/> 12th Grade |

**What gender is the child you are responding for?**

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

**What is your relationship to the child you are responding for?**

- ☐ Parent
- ☐ Guardian
- ☐ Other relative (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the child you are responding for on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**What is your highest level of education?**

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| <input type="radio"/> Some high school | <input type="radio"/> Some college      |
| <input type="radio"/> GED              | <input type="radio"/> Completed college |
| <input type="radio"/> High school      | <input type="radio"/> Advanced degree   |
| <input type="radio"/> Trade school     | <input type="radio"/> Don't want to say |

**Please respond to the following statements about this school.**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I feel welcome at this school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Many parents I know help out at this school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The school views parents as important partners.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This school is a safe place.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This school is well-maintained.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The main office staff members are friendly and helpful.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The community supports this school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This school promotes a respectful environment for my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

  

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
This school has enough classroom supplies (e.g., books, paper, desks).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This school has enough computers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know what my child is studying in his or her classes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understand my child's report card.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My child's homework helps him or her do better in school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This school and I have the same goals for my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My child is learning as much as he or she can at this school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This school has high expectations for my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**How often do you do the following?**

	Never	A few times per year	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
I talk with my child about school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I help my child with homework.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I read with my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I visit my child's classroom.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I volunteer at this school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I volunteer in my child's classroom.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Do you attend these types of school-related events at this school? Please select all that apply.**

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| <input type="radio"/> Parent Teacher Association or Parent Teacher Organization meetings | <input type="radio"/> Workshops or trainings about how to help my child |
| <input type="radio"/> Parent-teacher conferences   | <input type="radio"/> Book fairs  |
| <input type="radio"/> Sporting events  | <input type="radio"/> Department Nights (math night, etc.)              |
| <input type="radio"/> Plays, concerts, dances  | <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) _____                      |
| <input type="radio"/> Special events (college nights, open houses, etc.)                 | <input type="radio"/> I am not aware of any of these.                   |

**Has this school made you aware of these types of school-level services? Please select all that apply.**

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| <input type="radio"/> Tutoring programs                | <input type="radio"/> Homework club                                   |
| <input type="radio"/> After school programs            | <input type="radio"/> Sports  |
| <input type="radio"/> Before school programs           | <input type="radio"/> Arts (music, dance, art)                        |
| <input type="radio"/> Mentoring                        | <input type="radio"/> Academic enrichment (chess club, robotics club) |
| <input type="radio"/> Counseling                       | <input type="radio"/> I am not aware of any of these.                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Parent Support Groups/Networking |   |

**Does this school involve you in these types of school-level decisions? Please select all that apply.**

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| <input type="radio"/> Changes in curriculum      | <input type="radio"/> Before and after school programs |
| <input type="radio"/> School rules               | <input type="radio"/> Facilities                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Changes to school programs | <input type="radio"/> Fundraising                      |
| <input type="radio"/> Budget                     | <input type="radio"/> I am not aware of any of these.  |

**How do you communicate with your child's teacher(s)? Please select all that apply.**

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| <input type="radio"/> In person                            | <input type="radio"/> Through a social networking site (e.g., Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.) |
| <input type="radio"/> By phone/voicemail                   | <input type="radio"/> Through a parent portal (e.g., schoolnotes.com or other online site)      |
| <input type="radio"/> By E-mail                            | <input type="radio"/> Through parent-teacher conferences  |
| <input type="radio"/> By written notes sent with the child | <input type="radio"/> By mail   |
| <input type="radio"/> By text message                      |   |

**Please respond to the following statements about this school.**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
It is easy for me to communicate with my child's principal if I need to.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is easy for me to communicate with my child's teachers if I need to.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This school responds quickly to my requests or concerns.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This school contacts me if there is a problem with my child's behavior.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This school contacts me if my child does something well.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This school contacts me if my child is having a problem with class work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This school tells me about events happening in school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Please respond to the following statements about this school.**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	I don't know
There are physical fights between students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students threaten or bully other students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**How many of the school staff at this school do the following?**

	None of them	Some	Most	All of them	I don't know
School staff apply rules equally for all students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School staff keep my child interested in what they are learning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School staff respect me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School staff respect my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**What is/are the best method(s) for this school to contact you about important school news and events that may affect your child? Please select all that apply.**

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| <input type="radio"/> Phone/Voicemail  | <input type="radio"/> Newsletter  |
| <input type="radio"/> E-mail   | <input type="radio"/> PTA/PTO meetings  |
| <input type="radio"/> Text message   | <input type="radio"/> Parent-teacher conferences                                      |
| <input type="radio"/> Parent portal (e.g., schoolnotes.com or other online site) | <input type="radio"/> Social networking site (e.g., Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.) |
| <input type="radio"/> Notes sent with your child                                 | <input type="radio"/> Mail  |
| <input type="radio"/> Community bulletins  |   |

**Please respond to these questions only if the student is in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.**

**How many of the teachers at your child's school do the following?**

	None of them	Some	Most	All of them	I don't know
Teachers at this school expect my child to graduate from high school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teachers at this school expect my child to go to college.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Please respond to the following statement about this school.**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
This school gives me information on ways to finance my child's college education through loans or scholarships.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**How often do you do the following with your child?**

	Never	A few times per year	Monthly	At least weekly
I talk with my child about going to college.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I talk with my child about career plans.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>